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## INDICT FOUR OFFICIALS

Of Clermont County For Graft--  
Three Infirmary Directors  
and Surveyor.

The Clermont county grand jury, which has been investigating charges of irregularities in the accounts of county officials as found by State Examiner John A. Bliss, Tuesday made a report, returning 10 indictments against four prominent men. The grand jury was dismissed after the report was made.

Three of the indicted men are county infirmary directors who, it is said, bought supplies for personal use and charged supplies to the county, raised bills and engaged in other illegal transactions. The fourth official, County Surveyor Lon Fomorin, was caught, it is said, by the activities of Examiner Bliss. Fomorin is charged with permitting work on public improvements not specified in plans and presenting false and fraudulent claims. Two indictments were returned against him.

Four indictments were returned against William Glancy for presenting false and fraudulent claims and embezzlement; three against William A. Brown, for presenting false and fraudulent claims and embezzlement, and one against R. M. Ridings, for presenting false and fraudulent claims. All are infirmary directors.

The accounts for one year at the infirmary, it is said, show that 400 men's hats were purchased during that period, although there are but 30 male inmates at the institution. For this population, it is alleged, the investigation developed that 900 pairs of socks, some silk, were purchased.

The investigation before the grand jury was conducted by State Examiner Bliss and County Prosecutor D. W. Murphy.

Following the alleged disclosures, William H. Smith, superintendent of the infirmary, resigned his position.

## Six Heavy Weights.

Seeing an item in the West Union Defender last week telling of six men entertained at the home of Raymond D. Kirkpatrick, at Hillsboro, whose combined weight was 1,290 pounds, Mrs. J. H. Satterfield, wife of the well known hotel proprietor at Bentonville, sends the Defender a list of six heavy weights, and likewise heavy eaters, that she prepared dinner for December 4. They outweigh the Hillsboro bunch 724 pounds.

The six big fellows who enjoyed the mammoth and excellent meal prepared by Mrs. Satterfield were J. H. Satterfield, 188; and Will Wilson, 195, Bentonville, and four Cincinnati hunters, Louis Harling, 191; Jacob Hagner, 256; Joe Dumbaker, 268, and Ed. Beesterman, 283. Total weight of the six, 1382 1/2 pounds.

## Tolle--Roberts.

Miss Marie Tolle and Sedley Roberts, both of near Buford, were married Wednesday afternoon of last week by Rev. Kelch, at his home in Cincinnati. Only a few of the immediate families of the contracting parties were present. Rev. Kelch was a former pastor of the Methodist church at Buford. Mr. and Mrs. Roberts will make their home in Clay township.

The bride is a beautiful and charming young lady, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A. M. Tolle, of Buford. She is a niece of Dr. H. M. Brown, of this place, and has many friends here, having attended the high school here and frequently visited at the home of Dr. Brown.

Mr. Roberts is one of the popular and successful farmers of the western part of the county.

## Basket Ball Schedule.

A meeting of the managers of 20 high school basket ball teams was held at Spaulding in Cincinnati recently. Hillsboro High School was represented.

The following schedule was adopted for the local team:

January 17--Wilmington at Wilmington.

January 24--Milford at Milford.

January 29--Madisonville at Madisonville.

January 31--Blanchester at Hillsboro.

February 14--Blanchester at Blanchester.

February 21--Wilmington at Hillsboro.

February 28--Norwood at Hillsboro.

March 7--Milford at Hillsboro.

Games with Washington C. H., and Bloomingsburg will also be arranged and it is expected to open the season in Hillsboro with a game with Washington C. H., on January 3.

The High School has a good team and should receive the liberal support, not only of the pupils but the people of the town generally.

## GREAT CROPS NEW RECORDS

Value of Principal Ones Is  
\$3,911,449,000, Gain For  
Year Of \$50,531,000

## CORN IS GREATEST CROP

Total Yield of Corn, Wheat, Oats,  
Barley, Rye, Buckwheat,  
Potatoes, Hay and  
Tobacco Crops.

Records crops of corn, spring wheat, oats, barley, potatoes, rye, hay and rice were harvested this year, according to the final estimates of the department of agriculture, announced recently. They confirmed the preliminary estimates, made several months ago, in almost every instance. With a total value of \$3,911,449,000, the 11 principal crops estimated today exceeded the value of the same crops last year by \$50,531,000.

Corn, the greatest crop of all, went almost 200,000,000 bushels beyond the record crop grown in 1906 and surpassed the 1911 crop by 593,258,000 bushels. The value of the crop, however, was less by \$64,000,000 than last year, the price per bushel on Dec 1 being 48.7 cents this year, against 61.8 cents last year.

The total wheat crop was 108,929,000 bushels greater than last year, oats 496,039,000 bushels greater, barley 63,584,000 bushels greater, rye 2,555,000 bushels greater, buckwheat, 1,700,000 bushels greater, flaxseed 8,703,000 bushels greater, potatoes 127,910,000 bushels greater, hay 17,775,000 tons greater, tobacco 59,716,000 pounds greater and rice 2,120,000 bushels greater.

A resume of the report follows:

Corn--Acreage, 107,083,000; production, 3,124,746,000 bushels; price, 48.7 cents; value, \$1,520,454,000.

Winter wheat--Acreage, 26,571,000; production, 399,919,000 bushels; price, 50.9 cents; value, \$20,372,000.

Spring wheat--Acreage, 19,243,000; production, 330,348,000 bushels; price, 79.1 cents; value, \$26,317,000.

All wheat--Acreage, 45,814,000; production, 730,267,000 bushels; price, 76 cents; value, \$55,689,000.

Oats--Acreage, 37,917,000; production, 1,418,337,000 bushels; price, 31.9 cents; value, \$452,469,000.

Barley--Acreage, 7,530,000; production, 223,824,000 bushels; price, 50.5 cents; value, \$112,957,000.

Rye--Acreage, 2,117,000; production, 45,064,000 bushels; price, 66.3 cents; value, \$29,836,000.

Buckwheat--Acreage, 841,000; production, 19,249,000 bushels; price, 66.1 cents; value, \$12,720,000.

Flaxseed--Acreage, 2,851,000; production, 28,073,000 bushels; price, \$1.15; value, \$32,202,000.

Rye--Acreage, 72,800; production, 26,054,000 bushels; price, 93.5 cents; value, \$24,423,000.

Potatoes--Acreage, 3,711,000; production, 420,647,000 bushels; price, 50.5 cents; value, \$212,550,000.

Hay--Acreage, 49,530,000; production, 72,691,000 tons; price, \$11.79; value, \$856,995,000.

Tobacco--Acreage, 1,225,800; production, 962,855,000 pounds; price, 10.8 cents; value, \$104,063,000.

## Assignment Of Cases.

Judge Newby made the following assignment of chancery and jury cases on Saturday:

The chancery cases are,  
Monday, Jan. 6, 1913--J. L. Caldwell vs Ida Hughes et al. Wm. M. Hamilton vs James S. McWilliams.

Tuesday, Jan. 7, 1913--Henry Rowe vs John A. Hughey et al.

Thursday, Jan. 9, 1913--C. S. Powell, plaintiff in error vs State of Ohio, defendant in error. George W. Williams vs M. W. Williams et al.

Friday, Jan. 10, 1913--C. A. Knapp vs Michael Sigling.

The jury cases are,  
Monday, Jan. 13, 1913--B. A. Wiscup vs George Abbott.

Tuesday, Jan. 14, 1913--State of Ohio vs Lewis Gordley.

Wednesday, Jan. 15, 1913--State of Ohio vs C. S. Powell.

## Sinking Spring M. E. Circuit.

Pisgah, preaching at 10:30.  
Sinking Spring Junior League 2:30.  
Carmel, preaching 2:30.

Sinking Spring, preaching, 7:00.  
Revival services commence at Carmel January 6. Come and help.

CLYDE HOWARD, Pastor.

Mr. and Mrs. Gus Calley, of Danville, were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. S. C. Fawley, Saturday.

## \$2,000,000 LOSS

Hog Cholera Makes Heavy Inroads  
On Live Stock--New  
Laws Are Needed.

Two million dollars' loss a year to Ohio farmers by hog cholera alone. A loss by preventable diseases of live stock annually in the state equal to half the entire annual cost of the state government.

"Such is the condition in Ohio now," said A. P. Sandles, secretary of the state board of agriculture. "We are not making any headway in the work of stamping out hog cholera and tuberculosis in cattle. Something must be done. It will take some money and hard work. But with as much money as it takes to build a single battleship we could stamp out these diseases in Ohio."

"We must have some new legislation on the subject. The outlook is discouraging, however, for every time one proposes a law that will keep out contagious and infectious diseases of domestic animals, a lobby of interests that do not want any such interference, appear in the legislature and fights the proposition."

## Papers Consolidate.

The Wilmington Journal and Clinton Republican have consolidated. Both papers will be taken over by a new corporation and one paper, known as the Journal-Republican will be published. Col. C. R. Fisher, for 30 years editor and manager of the Journal will be president of the new company and active in the management of the paper. Thurman Miller, editor of the Republican, will be managing editor of the Journal-Republican. The consolidation will become effective Jan. 1, 1913. Mr. Fisher and Mr. Miller are both experienced and able newspaper men and the newspaper under their capable management should be one of the best country newspapers in Ohio. We wish for the Journal-Republican the success it will so thoroughly merit.

## BURGLARS BUSY.

Steal a Horse and Enter Three  
Stores at Lynchburg on  
Sunday Night.

Three stores were entered by burglars at Lynchburg Sunday night and attempts made to enter two others and the horse of Ed M. Wiggins was stolen. The stores entered were J. L. DeLaney & Co., Dry Goods, Robert Hodson, Dry Goods, and George Linton, Grocery. Attempts were made to break into the grocery of Ora Winters and the grocery of Robert McClellan.

An overcoat, a pair of shoes and a few dollars in change were taken at DeLaney's and about \$5 in cash secured at Linton's. So far nothing has been missed at Hodson's although it is supposed that the thieves took some merchandise. It is also thought that they took other goods from the stores of DeLaney and Linton, although on account of being so busy with the Christmas trade, they have not been able to go through their stock to find what is gone.

A warrant is out for Charles Archer, charging him with stealing the horse of Mr. Wiggins. Two or three other men are missing from Lynchburg and are under suspicion but warrants have not been sworn out for their arrest at this time.

A man answering the description of Charles Archer, came to the livery barn of N. R. Barrett here, about 4 o'clock Sunday morning. He was riding the horse of Mr. Wiggins. The colored boy who was on duty that night at the barn let him in. The man told the boy to rub down the horse, blanket and feed him and that he would call for him Monday afternoon.

This man took the 5.25 traction car out of here Monday morning. At Ailensburg another man got on the car. He had several bundles and as soon as he got on the car went and sat down with the man who is supposed to have been Archer. They rode together to Norwood.

The chief of police at Norwood was notified of the burglaries and horse theft and given a description of Archer, but the car had got to Norwood before he was notified and so far he has not been able to locate Archer.

Mr. Wiggins came to Hillsboro Monday and identified his horse and took it home.

## Highland Goes Dry.

The "dry" won in the local option election held at Highland Monday by a majority of 27. The vote was dry 41, wet 17. The election passed off quietly and resulted about as was expected.

## COMMITTS SUICIDE

Mrs. John Walker, of Taylorsville, is Despondent and  
Takes Strychnine.

Mrs. John Walker committed suicide Sunday afternoon about 5 o'clock by taking strychnine.

The rash act was committed at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. William Sanders, near Taylorsville, and is thought to have been caused by despondency, due to trouble with her husband.

She was twenty-two years of age and had been married a couple of years. About six months ago she and her husband separated, she going to the home of her parents. Since that time she has been subject to attacks of despondency.

Sunday afternoon, however, she was apparently in good spirits and had been playing with a younger brother.

About 5 o'clock she walked out on the porch. When she returned she was very sick and a doctor was summoned. She died in a short time. When she went out on the porch she took a large dose of strychnine.

The funeral services were held Tuesday morning at Union church and interment made in Union cemetery.

## Contemplate Children's Home.

The Clermont County Commissioners Monday viewed a farm in the neighborhood of Owensville, with a view of purchasing the same and establishing a home for the county's orphan children. This action is at the suggestion of Mrs. Louis Spencer, the county humane officer. At present the orphan children from that county are kept in the Brown County Home, and while the number is small, the humane officer urges that this plan be adopted, which will remove them to that county.

## Memorial Service.

The Woman's Christian Temperance Union held a beautiful Memorial Service in the crusade room on Monday, Mrs. Rives' address was unsurpassed and gave the keynote to the whole service. Miss Florence Ellifritz presented a Memorial Chair on behalf of the family in honor of her grandmother, Mrs. Clarissa Ellifritz, one of Hillsboro's sweetest spirited crusaders.

Rev. Shields, pastor of the church spoke and gave words of praise and commendation for the work. Hy. D. Davis, one of our boys, was present and spoke eloquently of the influence of the Women's Crusade and its sober second thought the Woman's Christian Temperance Union. All through the meetings was linked, first, last and always, the beautiful word "mother" and the influence of her beneficent presence was about us all, not only the natural mother but the crusade mothers, whose spirits linger around us in all our meetings.

The chair placed in the memory of Mrs. Ellifritz is said by some to be the most beautiful chair in the room. It is mahogany, style the Colonial Jacobean Motif, reproduced from the Connecticut Historical Society.

## Infirmary Superintendent.

At a special meeting of the county commissioners on Saturday, Frank Hogsett, of this place, was appointed superintendent of the County Infirmary. He will assume charge of the institution on the first of January. He was chosen by the votes of Commissioner Kesler and Hiestand. Mr. Hogsett was deputy sheriff under John McMullen and has been running a grocery here for the past two years. James Donohoo, who has been superintendent of the infirmary for several years, has made an enviable record and his wife has made a most capable and efficient matron. They retire with the good will of the inmates and the respect of all who know how the institution has been conducted.

## Easter Comes Early Next Year.

Easter will come on March 23, next year. Not in ninety-five years has Easter come earlier than it will in 1913. In 1818 it came on March 22, which is the earliest possible day it can come. It will not come as early as this year again until the year 2000. Ash Wednesday will come next year on February 5.

If Easter coming early is any indication of an early spring, next spring will come the earliest that it has in years.

Hill Nace, who was charged with keeping a place where intoxicating liquors were sold, on Wednesday afternoon changed his plea of not guilty to guilty. He was fined \$100 and costs. He paid the costs and Mayor Wilkins gave him the choice of paying his fine or leaving town. He left town. The charge against his wife was dismissed.

## CONDITION OF OHIO CROPS

On First of December, as  
Shown by Report of Department of Agriculture

## IMMENSE CROP OF CORN

127,868,884 Bushels Being Raised  
in 1912--Wheat in Good Condition, but Damaged  
Some by Fly.

The following report of the condition of crops on December 1, 1912, is computed from returns received from the official correspondents of the departments:

### WHEAT

Condition compared with an average, 92 per cent.

Amount of crop of 1912 sold as soon as threshed, 48 per cent.

Damage to growing crop by Hessian fly, 4 per cent.

Damage to growing crop by white grub worm, 1 per cent.

### CORN

Area planted in 1912 as returned by township assessors, 3,213,067 acres.

Estimated average yield per acre of shelled corn, 40 bu.

Total estimated product for 1912, 127,868,844 bu.

Crop of 1912 put into silo 9 per cent.

Average date cribbing began, October 22.

### CLOVER

Area sown in 1911 cut for seed, 22 per cent.

Average yield of seed per acre 1.33 bu.

APPLES--Probable total yield compared with last year, 66 per cent.

TOBACCO--Probable average product per acre 789 pounds.

CATTLE--Number being fed for the spring market compared with an average, 68 per cent.

SHEEP--Number fed for mutton compared with an average, 73 per cent.

### STATE AVERAGE PRICES

PER BUSHEL--

Wheat, 99c; Corn, 49c; Barley, 65c;

Oats, 34c; Rye, 77c; Potatoes, 54c.

PER TON--

Hay, \$12.91; Alfalfa, \$14.81.

The growing condition of the wheat plant over the state is very satisfactory. A greater part of the wheat area was sown late, and while now the plant is very small it is thought to be well rooted and in good condition to go into winter. During the month of November wheat growth was retarded, owing to the exceedingly dry weather. Reports of damage by fly to early seeded wheat are very general. The present condition of the growing plant is estimated at 92 per cent compared with an average. This is a decline of 6 per cent since the issuance of the November report. One year ago wheat condition was estimated at 83 per cent.

The late open fall was most favorable to the corn crop and a bountiful harvest has resulted. The crop generally is of excellent quality and was cribbed in fine condition.

Reports from correspondents show that the apple crop of the present year was but 66 per cent of the crop of 1911, which was the largest crop harvested in the last decade. The general supposition was that this year's crop was fully as large as that of last year, and with respect to commercial orchards this is true. The difference is due almost entirely to the full crop of the general farm orchard throughout the state in 1911 and shows the important part these orchards play when the total production is considered. This year there was no crop in these orchards in many sections of the state with the result that the total production is but little more than two-thirds of last year's crop.

The number of sheep and cattle being fed for market is far below an average, although the estimated number now reported is greater than one year ago.

## Probate Court Proceedings.

N. E. Chaney, gdn of Benjamin Ault et al, filed sixth account.

Clarence Johnson appointed admr of Charles Johnson.

S. T. Small et al, exrs of W. O. Small, filed second account.

Louisa B. Milburn, gdn of Julius N. Milburn et al, filed fourth account.

Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Bell returned Saturday from a pleasure trip to New York City.

## FARMERS' INSTITUTE

Held at Rainsboro Monday and  
Tuesday Was Successful  
in Every Way.

An excellent Farmers' Institute was held at Rainsboro Monday and Tuesday. The attendance was fine, the lectures good and much interest manifested by those attending.

The state speakers were R. A. Hayne and C. A. Beekley.

Mr. Hayne discussed the following subjects: "Alfalfa Suggestions," "Some Principles of Stock Feeding," "Evolution of a Boy," "The Soil Our Only Lasting Resource," and "Horses." Mr. Beekley spoke on "Poultry for Profit," "Facts and Theories of Corn Growing," "Twentieth Century Farming," "Soil Fertility" and "Pruning and Spraying."

The discussions following the different lectures were joined in freely and formed one of the most valuable and interesting features of the institute.

Two lectures by Mrs. Clara Smith Rodgers on "Nutritive Values as Compared With the Cost of Foods" and "Planning Meals" were especially interesting to the women and were full of excellent suggestions and ideas that should prove of much benefit to housewives.

## Gross--Parker.

Chauncey B. Gross, of this place, and Miss Anna Parker, of East Liverpool, were married at East Liverpool, Sunday. The wedding came as a surprise to their many friends here. Mr. Gross left here Friday, stating that he was going to Cincinnati on business, but went to East Liverpool to fill a most important engagement.

Mr. and Mrs. Gross returned here Sunday and have gone to housekeeping on W. South street.

The bride was formerly a resident of Hillsboro and is a pretty and attractive young lady. She has been teaching in the public schools at East Liverpool for several years and was a successful and popular teacher.

Mr. Gross was one of the founders of the Gross-Feibel Safe Works and is an officer and active in the management of that company. He is a successful and capable business man.

## New Cases Filed.

Two new cases have been filed in the Common Pleas Court during the past week.

J. C. Mowbray asks for \$1550 damages against Leroy Porter, Alice Porter, Carrie Porter, Laura Porter and Louella Moon. He charges that the defendants enticed his wife away from his home in Greenfield on Sept. 6, 1912 and took her to their residence near Greenfield; that his wife was sick and very weak at the time and that they kept her at their residence against his efforts and her will until Sept. 10, 1912. He states that he was deprived of her society for that time and suffered great distress of body and mind to his injury in the sum of \$1500. He further alleges that about this time the defendants took personal property of his, consisting of bed clothes, silver knives, forks and spoons, etc., to the value of \$50.

Ellen E. McCormick has brought suit against Kate S. Doorley, James E. Sullivan and The Superior Building & Loan Association. The plaintiff alleges that she and the defendants, Kate S. Doorley and James E. Sullivan, are tenants in common in the ownership of part of outlet No. 9 situated on Beech street, Hillsboro. She also says that The Superior Building & Loan Association claim to have a lien on said premises. She prays that the premises be partitioned and if that can not be done that it be sold and the proceeds divided.

## Injured in Runaway.

John L. Miller was injured Monday afternoon when his horse frightened and ran away. He was thrown from the buggy and sustained cuts over the right eye and on his nose. His face is simply a mass of small cuts and his hands, arms and one leg badly scratched and bruised.

Mr. Miller was on his way to the home of Ed. King, north east of Hillsboro, to purchase some stock. As he was driving through Smoky Row, his horse frightened at a chicken which flew across the road. The horse jumped and broke a shaft. This threw the buggy against it and it started to run. The buggy was completely wrecked, the top and seat torn off and one wheel smashed. The buggy landed on top of Mr. Miller and he suffered the injuries mentioned above.

Mr. Miller is not seriously injured but will be laid up for several days.

Miss Esther McNary, who is attending De Pauw University, is spending her vacation with her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Head.